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SUBJECT: OUTBREAK INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN SOUTHERN SUDAN

1. SUDAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS NOV. 27 THAT ACTING REGIONAL MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE ORDERED LIFTING OF HEALTH BAN IN SOME PARTS OF WESTERN AND EASTERN EQUATORIA PROVINCES LAST THURSDAY. ACCORDING TO ORDER, BAN HAS BEEN LIFTED IN YEI, MUNDRI, YAMBIO, NZARA AND TAMBURA AREAS. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THESE AREAS WERE ALLOWED TO OPEN AS FROM FRIDAY, NOV 26. MARIDI TOWN AND ITS SUBURBS REMAIN CLOSED. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TRAFFIC MOVEMENT BETWEEN YEI AND MARIDI TOWNS WILL CONTINUE TO BE BANNED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

2. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, DECISION TO LIFT BAN IN SOME PARTS OF EQUATORIA WAS TAKEN BY SOUTHERN REGIONAL GOVT. WITHOUT CONSULTING AUTHORITIES IN
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KHARTOUM. HOWEVER, WHO DIRECTOR RAFIQUE KHAN SAID HIS

ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH SITUATION AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS.
THERE APPARENTLY NO REASON TO CONTINUE HEALTH BAN EXCEPT
IN MARIDI AREA. OPENING OF TAMBURA IS OF SOME ECONOMIC
SIGNIFICANCE SINCE THIS WILL ALLOW ROAD TRAFFIC BETWEEN WAU
(RAIL HEAD) AND JUBA TO RESUME. ACTION BY SOUTHERN REGIONAL GOVT.
IS LATEST INDICATION THAT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN SUDAN IS
CLOSE TO NORMAL NOW. BREWER

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